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For Zion's Herald.

NOTES FROM MICHIGAN.

DEAR HERALD:—We of the great West are looking forward with much interest to the approaching session of the great Council of the Church at Philadelphia. If our church in this section is not convulsed by angry discussion on the grave questions that are expected to come before that body, it is not because they excite no interest, or because there is perfect, or even general unanimity of view and feeling.

As to extension of time, there is, so far as I am informed, very general agreement among the leading men of the Northwest, both lay and clerical. It is felt by those who have been most familiar with the operations of our church in the more important centers of influence throughout the West—the beautiful cities and villages which are springing up everywhere as if by magic—to be a question of high importance. Not merely for its own sake is it so regarded, but as recognizing and fostering a principle of operation that is felt to be vital to our largest success. Our predominant tendencies in the West have been centrifugal and not centripetal. We have spread ourselves very evenly, but too thinly, over the entire country. We have carried the gospel to every man's door, instead of building ourselves up strongly at central points, and thus tempting men to meet their distant neighbors in a pleasant and attractive church. In our commendable and truly Christian desire to be impartial, and treat all classes alike, we have actually done great injustice to our people and our cause in the larger towns and cities. Hence, as the result of this scattering policy, we have fallen behind other denominations in many places desolately; so that when these very country people themselves, to whom we have been at such pains to carry the gospel, and who owe their entire religious training and character to Methodism, move into town, they in many instances pass by the humble Methodist church, and make their way to the more showy and attractive Presbyterian or Congregational church. Now the remedy for this is very generally felt to be a centralizing policy—a looking after the wants of our larger places more wisely and carefully than we have yet done. And as one of the first steps toward this desirable consummation, the demand is for more permanency in the pastoral relation as a means of securing a greater permanency in the church itself.

The need of this is incomparably greater here than in such a small population as that of New England. The popular notion that there is a special demand for the extreme type of itinerancy in the West, while it is the older sections of country, is the uttermost in need, is the very reverse of the truth. Where the official board and the membership of a church remain substantially unchanged from year to year, as in New England, a settled and continuous policy may be maintained, even though there be frequent changes of pastors; but where the church itself is fluctuating, it is exceedingly difficult for us to make steady headway when such frequent changes in the pastorate are necessitated. The Presiding Eldership operates as a regulator to some extent, but only partially. Our ministers secure little local influence, and in forming communities this is the utmost importance. There is, then, as I have written above, among our leading men a pretty general agreement that such extension is desirable. I know the opinions of a large number of the delegates from the Northwest, and I have yet to hear of the first that will oppose this.

Among the rank and file, however, of both ministry and membership, there is no such unanimity. There are some conferences in which if the vote were taken to-day, without discussion, the result would be doubtful. A large preacher's meeting that I attended, a few weeks since, even gave a majority against it. The opposition bases itself mainly on two grounds: 1. Loyalty to the past—a disposition to keep to the "old landmarks." 2. Democracy—a fear lest this change will create a favored class among the clergy. There are some ministers who seem to have little idea of the meaning of the word culture, either for minister or people, and hence, unless there be domestic reasons against it, would much rather change every year. There are others who are great sticklers for a kind of ecclesiastical aristocracy. Their practical decision is, it is true, taken into their hands, but in all cases, and the consecrating hands do not annihilate the wide differences between them. It requires something more than the putting on of a white cravat to convert the rustic and illiterate laborer into a man of real refinement; and it takes something more than the Conference course of study to transmute him into a scholar. Hence all theories that assume that there are no wide differences between ministers, as well as churches, are fallacious. And so far as the proposed change for extending agency results are concerned, the opinion of the preacher to the people he is required to serve, it does seem as if its tendency would be to promote such adjustment.

As to the matter of extension, the general expression is—Move the limit one year further; make it possible for a preacher to stay three years instead of two. Many of those whose convictions are clearest and strongest in favor of the measure would prefer doubling the present term, while some are for removing all restrictions, so that any proposed appointment would be strictly an open question at the beginning of each year. If we really set about tinkering the rule regulating appointments, I have heard of some night modification suggested as desirable. Some with a clause inserted forbidding the re-appointment of a preacher to a church except with his own consent, and at the expressed wish of the Quarterly Conference.

As to the matter of Lay Representation, if the truth must be written, there are really very few in the West who feel a deep interest in the question. There are many who would be glad to secure the more active and systematic co-operation of the laity in the affairs of the church, and there are a few leading and worthy laymen who have taken this measure home to their hearts, but the great mass of ministers and laymen are really quite indifferent to the whole matter. The few troubles there, their faith is weak. They have no fears of laymen getting too much power. Our ministers know very well that they have always been more fully in the power of the laymen than the ministry of any other church in Christendom; and if there is any means of rendering this power more thoroughly intelligent and responsible in its exercise, they will be the last to object.

But for three quarters of a century we have been trained to another regimen, and it is hard to conceive of a different state of things as possible. It is true, however, generally, that the vote in the best churches in the most important centers, and of the most intelligent men, has been cast for the measure. The measure is clearly inevitable, be it for weal or woe. The few who do take a deep interest in this question are many of them leading men, and will not rest until the change is effected.

MICHIGAN.

[Remainder next week.]

For Zion's Herald.

CHANGE.

By H. B. WARDWELL.

Time carries not, the day rolls by.

With light and shade and changing sky.

Where the best vision all behold,

Bringing their seasons of delight.

Agree are numbered, ages still

Time's mighty epochs haste to fill.

Change marks the passing of each hour,

Shows the clear impress of its power;

Look for o'er nature's vast domain

And view the tokens of its reign:

And every sign, in every leaf and flower,

Rebels to the changes of its power!

We all shall leave this scene of change,

With spirit forms of being range,

And what we are, and what we have been,

Will follow our conceptions then.

If equal with the angel choir,

To raise the song and strike the lyre,

In mansions of ascending rest,

By God's eternal presence blest.

We here must walk in virtue's train,

If we would lift the angel's strain,

Where the best vision all behold,

With ray celestial will unfold;

Beyond the river cold and dim,

There may we join the seraphim.

With voice of praise and soul of fire,

While change will meet each new desire.

[Editorial.]

"EPISCOPAL DISTRICTS."

Under the able heading, Dr. Thomson, in the *Advocate and Journal* of the 7th inst., suggests the following plan for "districting" the work of Episcopal Supervision, and for "stationing" the Bishops:

"Suppose we have five or sixty Conferences and ten Bishops, and assign five or six, or even seven, to a Bishop, say:

1. To the Boston district assign Maine, East Maine, New England, New Hampshire, Vermont, Portland, Troy, New York, New Jersey.

2. To the Buffalo, Oneida, Genesee, East Genesee, Black, Erie, North Ohio, Ohio.

3. To Philadelphia—Baltimore, East Baltimore, Philadelphia, Wyoming.

4. To Pittsburgh—Pittsburgh, West Virginia, Kentucky, Erie, North Ohio, Ohio.

5. To Cincinnati—Cincinnati, Central Ohio, and the four Conferences in Indiana.

6. To Chicago, Rock River, and the Conferences in Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin.

7. To St. Louis, the Missouri and Arkansas, three Conferences in Central and Southern Illinois, with Kansas and Nebraska and the territories west to the Rocky Mountains, immense and important field.

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Street Sabbath School Festival to be held on Monday,

of the 24th of May, at the Tremont Temple. We hope there will be a general rally for the good of the cause. Read notice on the next page.

WANTED.—A copy of *Zion's Herald* of June 4, 1856. Any person having a copy of that date to spare, will confer a favor by sending it to this office.

LITERATURE NOTICES.

SATAN'S DEVILS AND THE BELIEVER'S VICTORY, by Rev. Wm. L. Parsons, A. M. *Boston: Gould & Lincoln.*—This is an excellent book, and if extensively read, will undoubtedly do much good. Its object is to bring into full view "the opposing forces which are at work, on the one hand to destroy, and on the other to save, the soul." These are things in regard to which every Christian, and especially every young convert, should be well put upon his guard. The author has done his work well, and handled the subject with ability and skill. For a more full design of the book, read the advertisement on another page.

A YOUTH'S HISTORY OF THE REBELLION, from the Bombardment of Fort Sumter to the capture of Roanoke Island, by Wm. M. Thayer, author of the "Pioneer Boy," &c. Fifth thousand. *Boston: Walker, Wise & Co.*—The special aim of this History is to interest and instruct the young. It is also well adapted for general family use, containing the substance of more voluminous histories, at about one fourth the price. As the materials of this work have been drawn from the most authentic sources, its historical correctness may be relied upon. Great pain

have been taken to preserve the *stirring* facts and incidents of personal life. All who examine it will find this a valuable book, beautifully illustrated. See advertisement on the next page.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE, for May, is received by A. Williams & Co., of this city. This number, equal to any of its predecessors, closes the 28th volume. Now is the time to subscribe for the next volume.

PERSONAL.

Rev. Lemuel Harlow, of the Providence Conference died in Marshfield, Mass., after an illness of a few days. He was visiting his son on the way to his appointment at Hull, when death came suddenly but found him ready.

Rev. G. R. Bent, now in charge of the Baltimore District of the U. S. Christian Commission, has recently received the present of a gold watch and chain from the officers and soldiers of Camp Parole, worth \$110. He returns thanks through the *Herald*, and also reports that the camp, from which he has just been promoted to his present position.

Luther T. Townsend has been transferred from the 2d H. Conference by Bishop James, and by Bishop Ames directed at Watertown, on the Lynn Division, N. E. Conference.

LAY REPRESENTATION.

A meeting of several brethren was held in the Zion Herald Rooms on Saturday afternoon last to consider the propriety of being represented in the approaching Lay Convention at Philadelphia. Daniel Hall, Esq., was appointed Chairman, and F. Rand, Secretary. After a general interchange of views, it was unanimously

*** Voted, That the Chairman and Secretary call a general meeting in Boston on Tuesday, the 30d of May,**

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DANIEL HALL, Chairman
FRANKLIN RAND, Secretary.
Boston, April 25.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

Congressional.

SENATE.—April 20, a bill granting land to Kansas aid of the construction of railroad and telegraph line was passed.

Thursday, April 21, a bill to provide for printing official reports of the armies of the United States was passed.

Friday, the House bill to establish a Bureau of Military Justice was passed. The Judge Advocate has the rank of Brigadier General, and the Assistant Judge Advocate

White, J. H. Wright, A. B. Reserves: P. Durand, J. M. Marrow, W. Deming, W. G. M. Rich, G. M. G. L. A. W. C. Smith, J. H. A. B. J. A. C. F.

Wednesday, the time was occupied on the Interior. The high and several amendments were passed; and the bill which authorizes the appointment of five assistants to aid in the prevention, detection and punishment of frauds on the internal revenue; another dismises and discharges any assessor if he demands or receives, directly or indirectly, any fee or deputy assessor a part of his pay for his appointment to or service in office; one provides for the time of the sale of real estate for duties shall not be less than 20 nor more than 40 days from the date of its judgment.—The Senate bill providing for the creation of two new pieces and a new section for the coast guard, and the bill for the construction of a ship canal between the Mississippi with the northern lakes, for the passage of the armed vessels, etc., was postponed until the next session on motion of a friend of the bill.—A bill to encourage emigration was passed.

From the War.

ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, the Potomac have all been sent to Washington; the others are gone. The women nurses have left, and on the 10th inst. Gen. Grant left Washington for the army, and on the understanding was that the campaign would soon be commenced. The forces of Longstreet, lately from East

On the Virginia Central Railroad, west to Staunton on the purpose of moving down the Shenandoah Valley. Deserters state that Lee's army is 60,000 strong, and seven days' rations had been received for a forward movement.

VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA—April 17. The force estimated at 15,000 or more, moved down the smoke River to Plymouth, N. C., and attacked the place. The land force was accompanied by four gunboats at this point. Lines of obstructions crossed the river above and below the town, and the gunboats were ordered to maintain an engagement took place between the boats and the Union gunboat Whitehead, in which the latter is reported to have been sunk. At the same time the fleet made on Fort Grey, which is about 10 miles from the town, and the boats were ordered to bring up miles of troops, which successfully repelled three hours of the enemy. Gen. Wesel, commanding at Plymouth had no fears of the land force. If the rebels succeed in driving away our gunboats, he will be obliged to fight on the river; but as an offensive action is the defensive armor of the rebels, our boats fire a weight of metal. On the 18th inst., a rebel boat sank one of our gunboats above Plymouth, and the latter sank another; the rebels were repulsed, and the gunboats moved on to the Roanoke Sound. There were 10,000 men on board Plymouth, and it was feared that the

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